

PATENT

09/464,866

Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of September 20, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

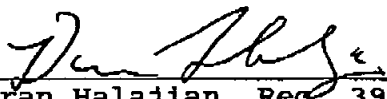
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 18-20 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 18-20 are allowed. By means of the present amendment, claims 2-7 and 9-17 have been canceled without prejudice.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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